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## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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MoVIP has completed its inaugural year of serving the students of Missouri. Over 2,000 students participated, & a lot has been learned from the experiences of the past year. MoVIP is one of the few comprehensive statewide virtual programs in the country. In addition to serving all grades, K-12, MoVIP serves part-time & full-time students. The MoVIP model offers opportunities for all Missouri students, in public & non-public schools.

For 2008-09, MoVIP expects to serve more students, and the program will expand in several important areas:

- Middle school courses (grades 6-8) will be offered for the first time.
- A program for academically gifted elementary students (grades 3-5) will be launched.
- More electives, including sign language, will be offered for the elementary grades.
- High school foreign language offerings will expand to include French and Mandarin Chinese.
- New electives at the high school level include psychology, sociology, driver's education and ACT prep.

Being fully informed about MoVIP is critical to success in the program. Be sure and download the MoVIP Brochure from the MoVIP DESE website. Best wishes as you embark on another school year.

Sincerely,

Curt Fuchs, PhD Director of Virtual Instruction

P.S. For 2008-09 MoVIP will have several important new features